

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0040] with the following amended paragraph:

[0040] The ratio of halogen source to pH compensating source may vary widely. Because water quality varies widely the ratio of halogen source to pH compensating source can be tailored to the water quality in various areas of the country. For example, the amount of pH compensating source may vary from ~~as little as 5%~~ about 5% by weight to about 50% by weight of the halogen source. Adjusting the ratio of each component of the layered tablet of this invention will enable the operator of the water system to balance the water with respect to total alkalinity and pH while maintaining proper halogen content to prevent deterioration of water quality due to impurities.